Liberalization of labour laws in textiles industry

3076. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI S.P.M. SYED KHAN:
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is contemplating to liberalize the labour laws in textile industry in order to generate more employment opportunities;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the liberal measures are likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) to (c) Government has received a number of requests from various associations of the textile industry to liberalize the labour laws. However, so far no decision has been taken by the Government in this regard.

Prospects of textiles sector in global market

3077. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that post quota regime has brightened the prospects of textiles sector in global market;

(b) if so, the details of anticipated exports during 2005-06 and 2006-07;

(c) whether there will be any change in the value of exports of textiles if companies are granted drawback on the basis of weight; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) Yes, Sir. The free global trading regime would result in increased international trade in textiles thus providing greater export opportunities for the indigenous textile industry. At the same time, it will expose the domestic industry to increased competition in the international market. The industry will have to improve its efficiency and productivity to meet the emerging global competition.

(b) With the removal of quotas, Indian textile exports are expected to cross $ 15 billion in 2005-06. However, a reasonable estimation about India's exports during the year 2006-07 can be made only after the trends of global trade in textiles and clothing during the post quota period are available.

(c) and (d) Granting the drawback on the basis of weight has the effect of reducing the admissibility of drawback for finer varieties and increasing the admissibility for coarser varieties.

Establishment of handicraft cluster

†3078. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to establish the handicraft cluster in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent by Government for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) and (b) A scheme titled 'Baba Saheb Ambedkar Hastshilp Vikas Yojana' is already under implementation since 2001-02 for integrated development of handicrafts clusters in the country. So far 481 clusters have been taken up covering 1,55,440 artisans through the formation of 10751 Self Help Groups.

(c) An amount of Rs. 25.00 crores is proposed to be spent under the scheme during 2005-06.

Textile group infrastructure scheme for Punjab

†3079. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the schemes sanctioned under Textile Group Infrastructure Development Scheme for Punjab; and

(b) the details of amount likely to be spent for these schemes, location-wise in the State; and by when these are likely to be completed?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.